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TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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SUBJECT: PAN AMERICAN RAILWAY CONGRESS ASSOCIATION (PARCA)-  
EFFORTS TO PROMOTE "MEETING OF AMERICAN CONTINENT TRANSPORT  
MINISTERS".

SUMMARY: THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION  
REGARDING THE EFFORTS OF THE PARCA PERMANENT COMMISSION TO  
HOLD IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA, A MEETING OF MINISTERS OF  
TRANSPORTATION.

1) THE DEPARTMENT HAS JUST BEEN INFORMED BY THE U.S.  
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PARCA OF A COMMUNICATION DATED  
MARCH 3 FROM PRESIDENT DI MARCHI OF THE PERMANENT COM-  
MISSION PROPOSING AN INTER-AMERICAN MEETING OF MINISTERS  
OF TRANSPORTATION SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE XIII PAN  
AMERICAN RAILWAY CONGRESS. EXAMPLE OF EUROPEAN CONFERENCE  
OF MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT (EMCT) IS CITED, BUT NO SPECIFIC  
PURPOSE OR AGENDA GIVEN. ON APRIL 21 DI MARCHI ADVISED  
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THAT PROPOSAL HAD RECEIVED FAVORABLE RECEPTION FROM  
VENEZUELAN NATIONAL COMMISSION (ING. ROBERTO AGOSTINI),  
AND REQUESTED OPINION USG AUTHORITIES CONCERNED.

2) TO ENABLE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES CONCERNED TO GIVE AN OFFICIAL REACTION, EMBASSY REQUESTED ASCERTAIN AND REPORT FOLLOWING:

A) WHAT IS PURPOSE OF MEETING OF TRANSPORTATION

B) WHAT MATTERS WOULD BE ON AGENDA OF MEETING?

C) WHAT HAVE BEEN RESPONSES THUS FAR TO PROPOSED MEETING?

D) WHAT IS MEANING OF REFERENCE IN DI MARCHI'S APRIL 21 LETTER TO USNC CHAIRMAN AILES: ...THE NEW ORGANIZATION COULD BE CONSTITUTED APART FROM THIS ASSOCIATION...". ARE THERE PLANS OF ANY KIND FOR FORMATION OF AN INTER-AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION?

3. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE NEED THESE ANSWERS TO BEGIN CONSIDERING THE IDEA, BUT THAT THESE INQUIRIES SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS AN INDICATION THAT WE FAVOR PROPOSED MEETING.

4. PLEASE CONFIRM CONVOCAION OF XIII RAILWAY CONGRESS IN CARACAS, SECOND HALF OF NOVEMBER, 1975. USNC HAS RECEIVED SERIES OF COMMUNICATIONS FROM DI MARCHI REGARDING PREPARATION OF TECHNICAL PAPERS ETC., BUT WE HAVE NO NOTICE OF CONVOCAION OR INVITATION.

5. EMBASSY CARACAS REQUESTED TO REPORT AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON FOREGOING QUESTIONS, BEARING IN MIND INITIATIVE FOR BOTH RAILWAY CONGRESS AND POSSIBLE MINISTERS MEETING CAME FROM PERMANENT COMMISSION PARCA IN BUENOS AIRES. KISSINGER

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